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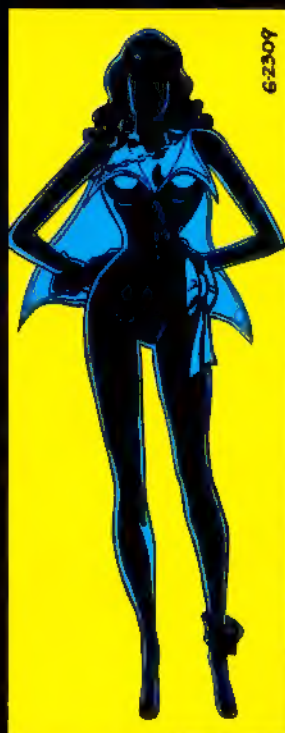
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*"...Men will awake presently and be men again, and colour and laughter and splendid living will return to a grey civilization. But that will only come true because a few men will believe in it, and fight for it, and fight in its name against everything that sneers and snarls at that ideal."*

—Leslie Charteris, *The Last Hero*



## PRESENTING SIX FIGHTERS FOR OUR TROUBLED AGE...

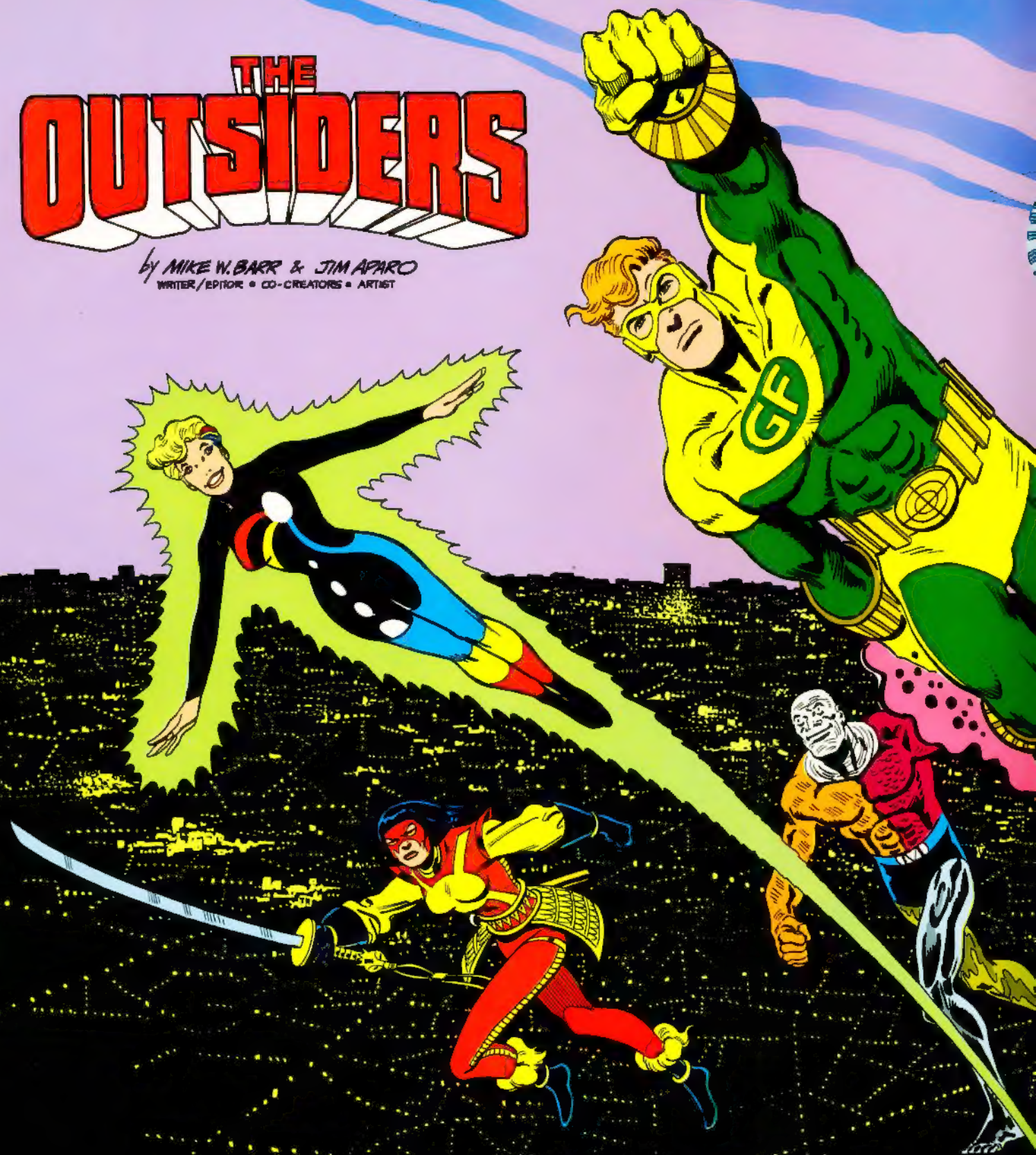
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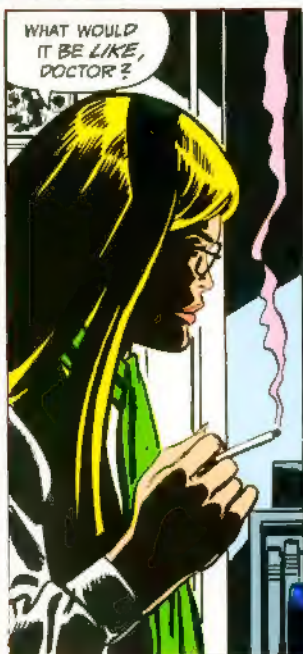








WHAT WOULD  
IT BE LIKE,  
DOCTOR?



IT WILL BE  
GHASTLY,  
PROFESSOR  
WYE...



...MORE TERRIBLE  
THAN PEOPLE ARE  
KAFF KAFF  
WILLING TO  
BELIEVE...

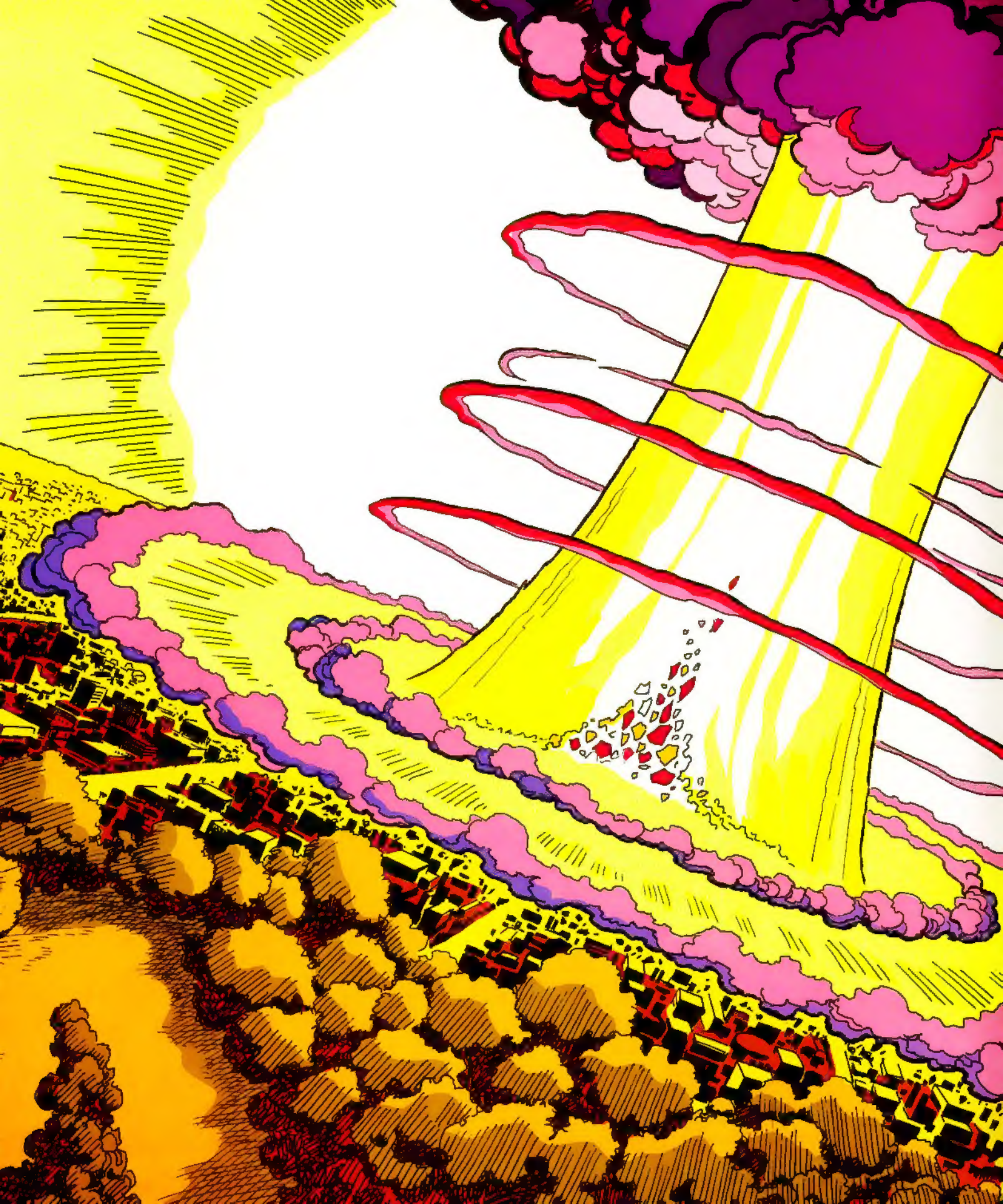


"...THEY BELIEVE A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION BEGINS  
AND ENDS WITH THE CHARACTERISTIC MUSHROOM  
CLOUD... BUT THEY ARE WRONG.

"IMAGINE--PURELY FOR PURPOSES  
OF ILLUSTRATION--THE EFFECTS OF  
AN ATOMIC DEVICE DETONATED HERE,  
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES..."









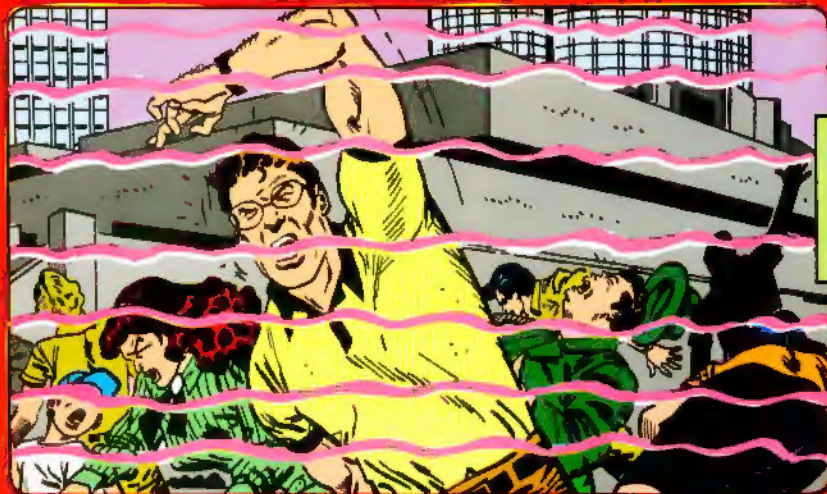


**NUCLEAR FEAR, PART 1:**

**BEGINNING  
WITH A  
BANG!**

COLORED BY  
ADRIENNE ROY





"...NO, FIRST WILL COME THE INITIAL NUCLEAR RADIATION, KILLING VIRTUALLY ALL UN-PROTECTED PERSONS WITHIN SIX SQUARE MILES OF GROUND ZERO..."



"...THEN-- INSTANTLY-- COMES THE ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE, FROM THE INTENSE GAMMA RADIATION RELEASED!"

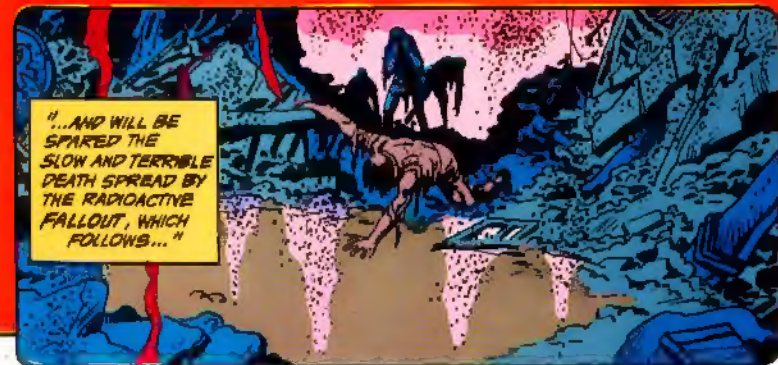
"IT WILL FUSE AND RENDER USELESS MUCH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN THE AREA, PREVENTING CALLS FOR AID..."



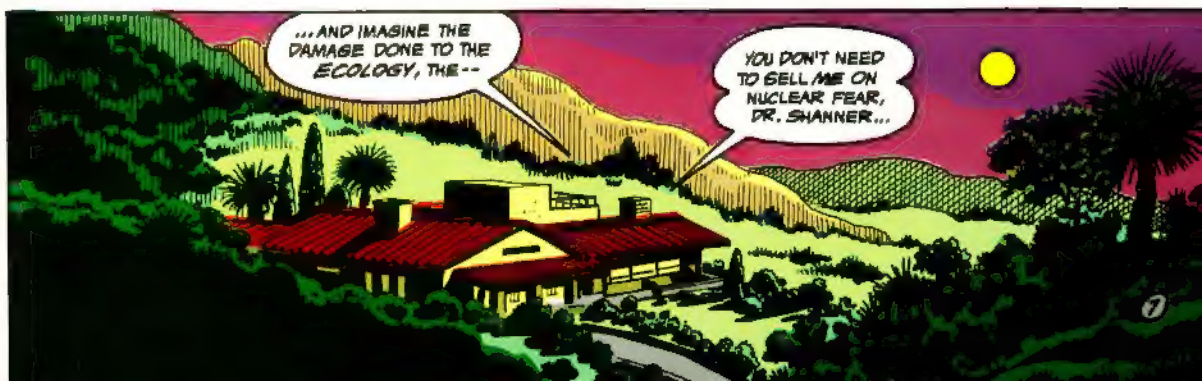
"...THEN THE THERMAL PULSE, GENERATED BY THE FIREBALL FORMED BY THE EXPLOSION, THEN THE MUSHROOM CLOUD! AND IF THIS WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH..."



"...THE BLAST WAVE COMES, WREAKING EVEN MORE HAVOC! THE LUCKY ONES WILL HAVE DIED BY NOW..."



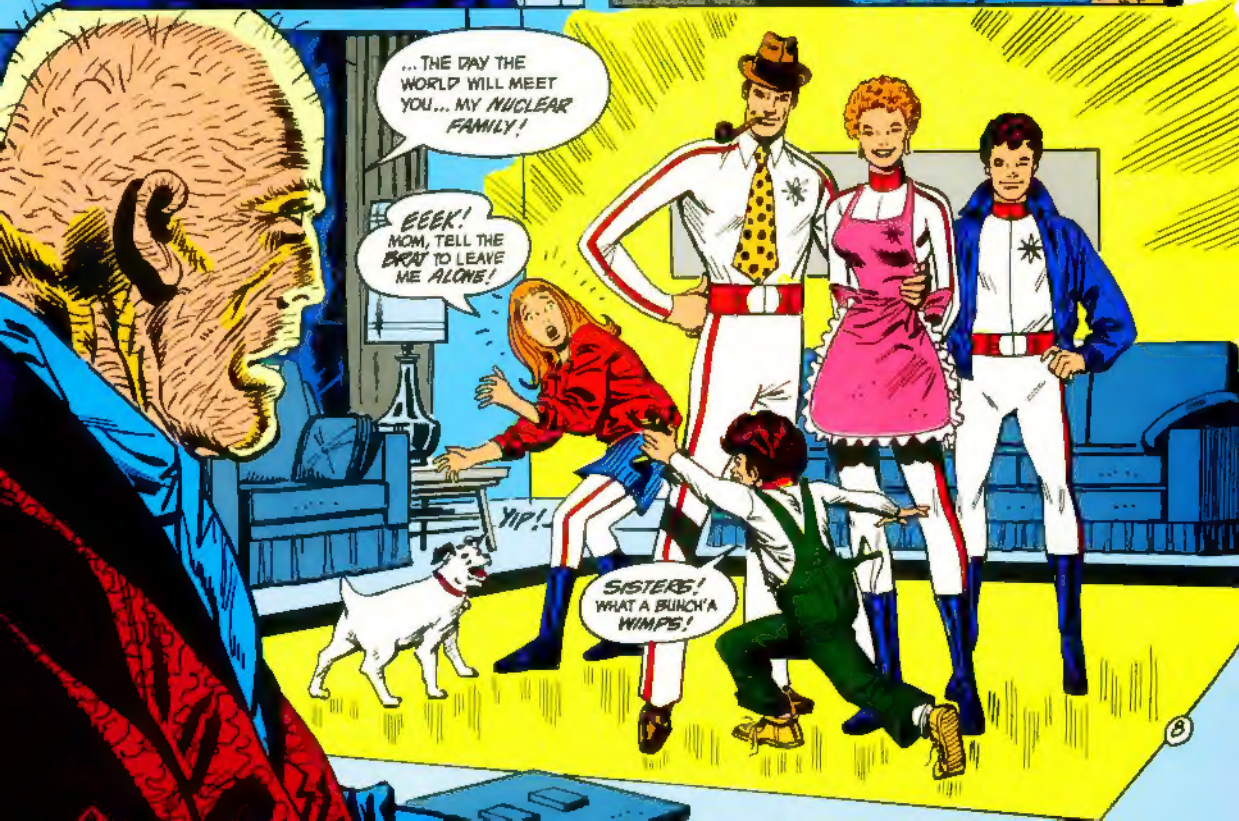
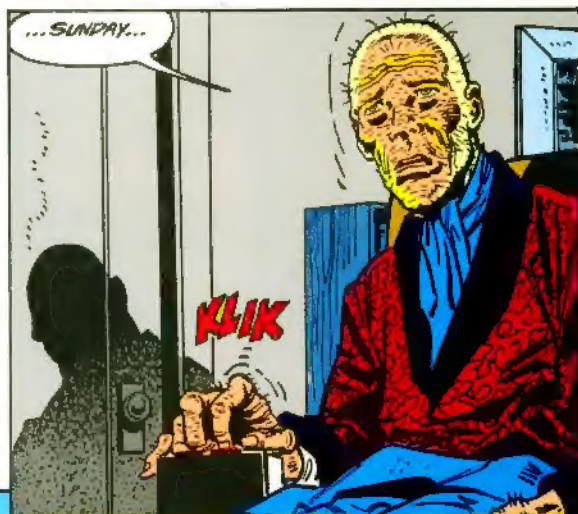
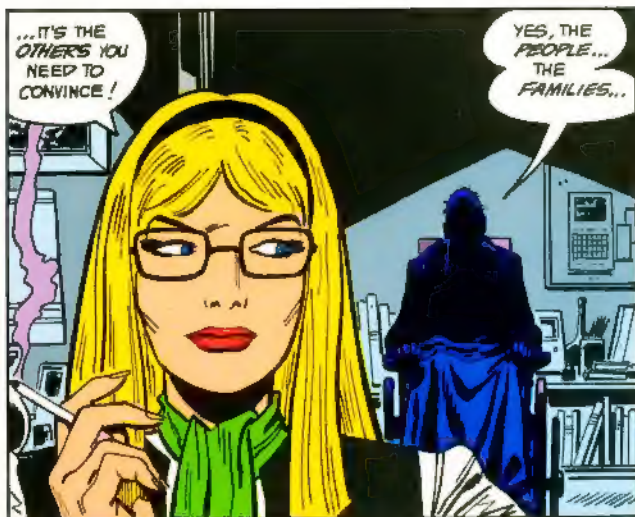
"...AND WILL BE SPARED THE SLOW AND TERRIBLE DEATH SPREAD BY THE RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT, WHICH FOLLOWS..."



"...AND IMAGINE THE DAMAGE DONE TO THE ECOLOGY, THE--"

"YOU DON'T NEED TO SELL ME ON NUCLEAR FEAR, DR. SHANNER..."







MEANWHILE, ONE MILE OFF  
THE SANTA MONICA COAST...

WELL, I THINK  
WE SHOULD *HUNT!*  
IT'S HER FIRST  
MEETING, ANYONE  
CAN BE LATE!

BESIDES, I WANTED  
TO SHOW YOU GUYS  
WHAT I FOUND  
IN MY ROOM...

WHAT  
IS IT,  
HALO?

IT'S US! THAT  
PHOTO THE GOTHAM  
REPORTER SNAPPED,  
REMEMBER?

MAN, THAT  
WAS AGES  
AGO...

...WHEN GEO-FORCE  
HAD HIS OLD COSTUME...  
AN' HALO HAD HER  
OLD HAIR...\*

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS,  
METAMORPHO!

...AND WE WERE  
STILL IN GOTHAM--  
WITH THE BATMAN...

DO YOU REGRET OUR  
PARTING, BLACK LIGHTNING?\*

\*SEE BATO # 28--MWB

\*SEE BATO # 32--MWB

NO, KATANA... BUT I  
WISH THERE HADN'T  
BEEN SUCH BAD  
BLOOD BETWEEN  
US!

BUT THAT BLOOD IS  
SPILLED; WE HAVE  
BEGUN ANEW HERE  
IN LOS--

EVER SO SORRY  
I'M LATE...



...BUT SINCE  
THIS IS OUR FIRST  
MEETING IN OUR NEW  
HEADQUARTERS...\*

LOOKER!  
HI!

\* SEE ADVENTURES OF  
THE OUTSIDERS # 38 -- MWB

...I THOUGHT  
A LITTLE  
CELEBRATION...

...WAS  
IN ORDER!

THERE! TAKE  
A GLASS,  
EVERYONE...

POP

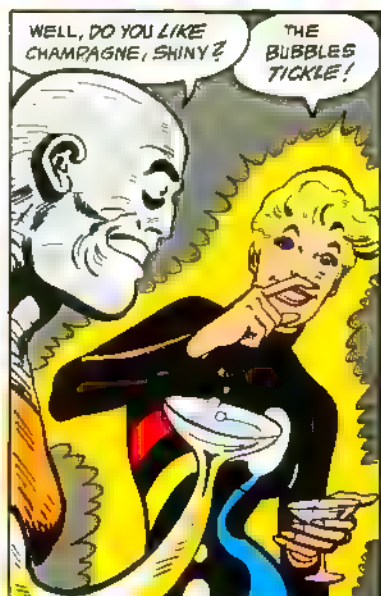
...AND WE'LL  
HAVE A  
TOAST!

NONE FOR YOU,  
GABRIELLE!  
YOU'RE TOO  
YOUNG!

AW, TATSU, I'VE NEVER  
HAD CHAMPAGNE  
BEFORE...

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THE NEXT DAY,  
STONE CANYON  
DRIVE...

YOU GUYS DIDN'T  
BREAK MY BANANARAMA  
RECORDS, DID YOU ?

NO, MA'AM  
EUFFE  
EVERYTHING'S  
FINE!



WHERE DO YOU  
WANT THIS STUFF,  
TATSU ?

WILL YOU  
PLEASE  
ATTEND  
TO IT,  
GABRIELLE...  
?



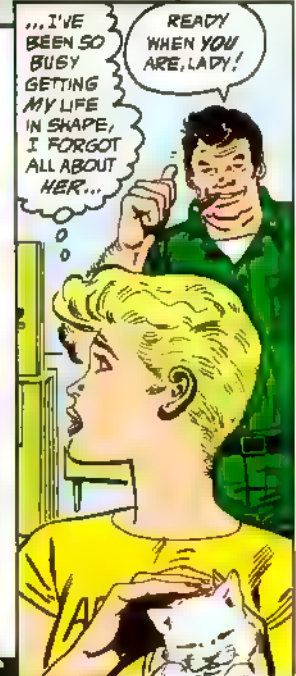
...I'M  
GOING TO TAKE  
A WALK.

SURE,  
TATSU...

WHY'S SHE  
SO DEPRESSED ?  
SHE WAS  
LOOKING AT  
THIS  
PICTURE...

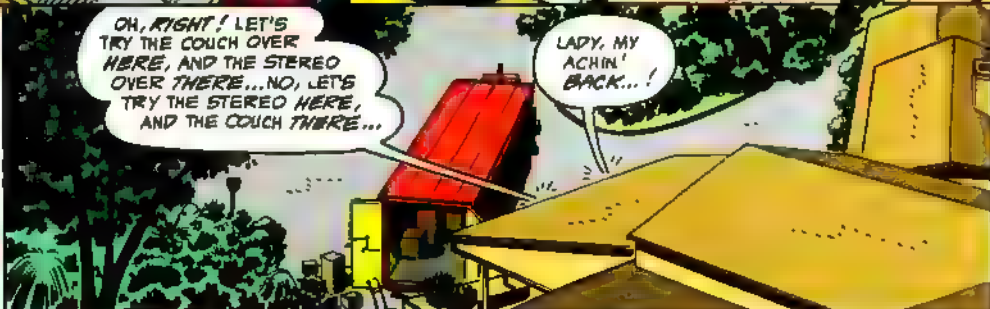


...OF HER  
FAMILY! POOR  
TATSU... !



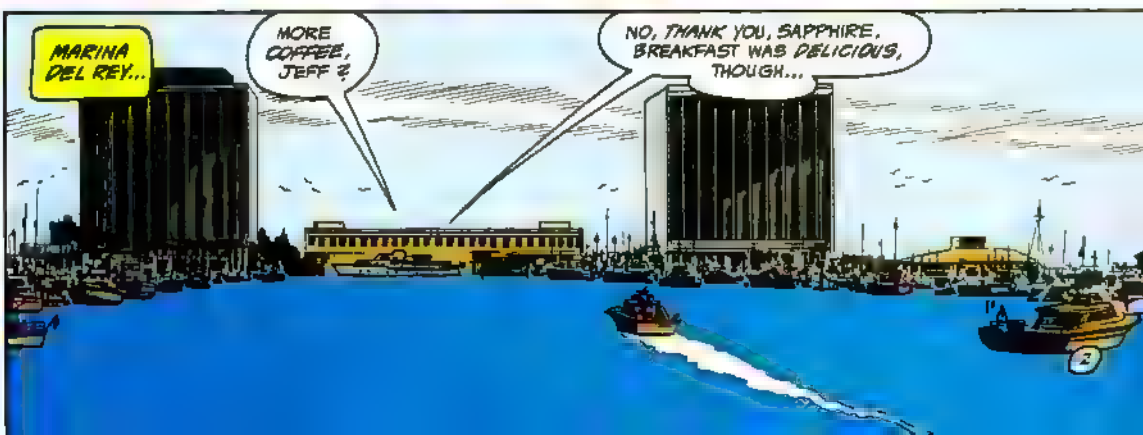
...I'VE  
BEEN SO  
BUSY  
GETTING  
MY LIFE  
IN SHAPE,  
I FORGOT  
ALL ABOUT  
HER...

READY  
WHEN YOU  
ARE, LADY !



OH, RIGHT ! LET'S  
TRY THE COUCH OVER  
HERE, AND THE STEREO  
OVER THERE... NO, LET'S  
TRY THE STEREO HERE,  
AND THE COUCH THERE...

LADY, MY  
ACHIN'  
BACK... !

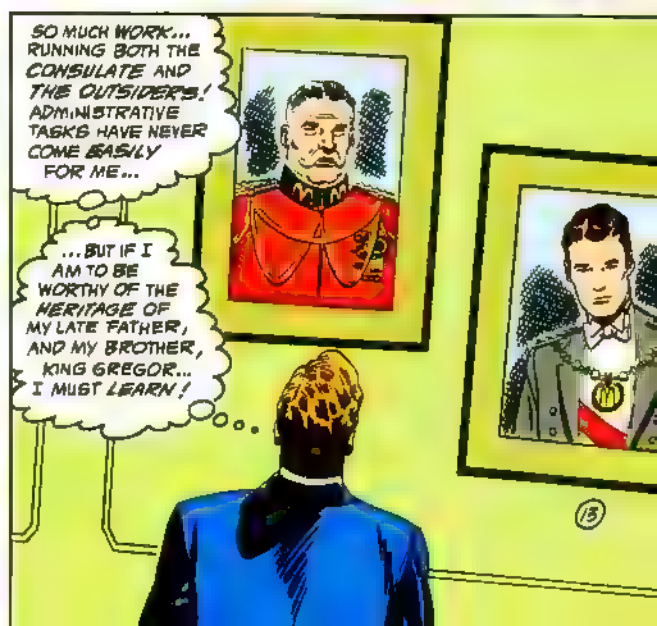
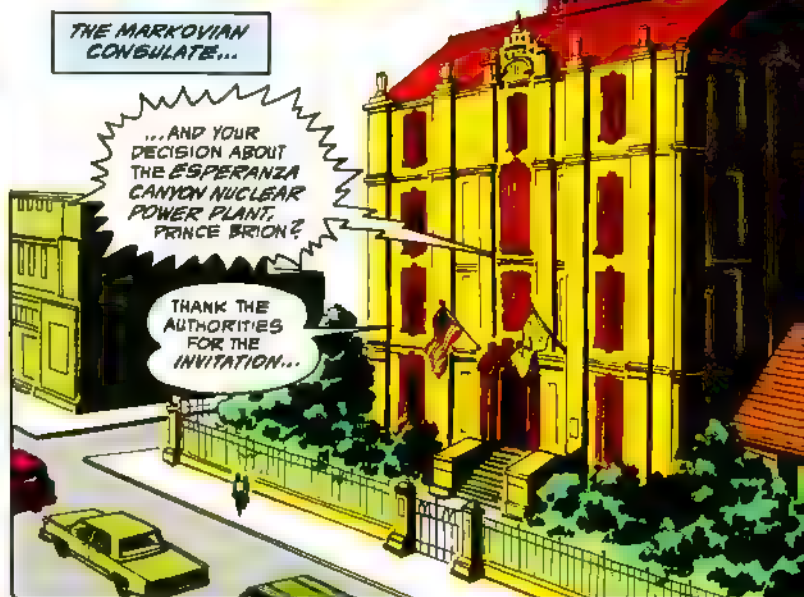
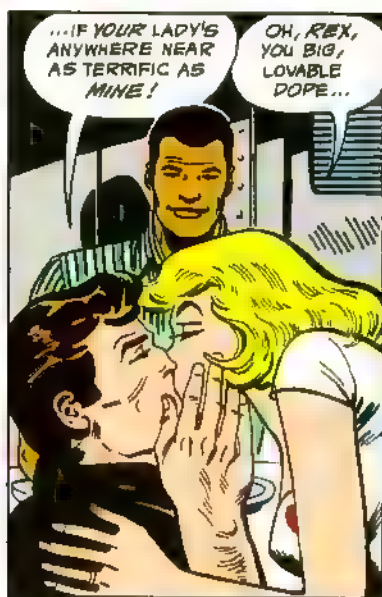


MARINA  
DEL REY...

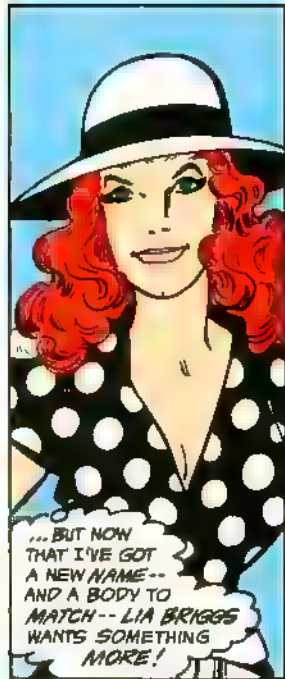
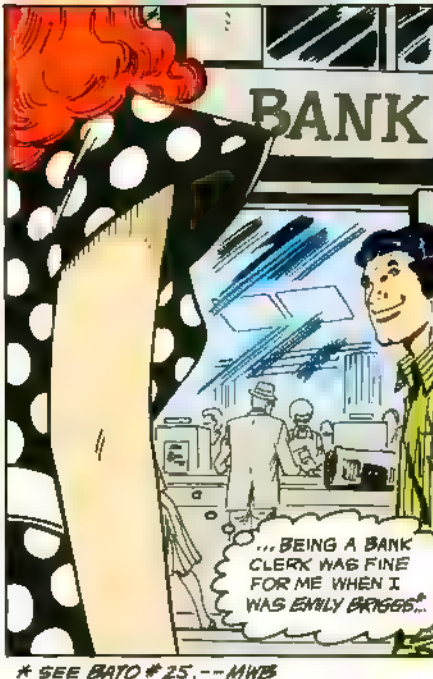
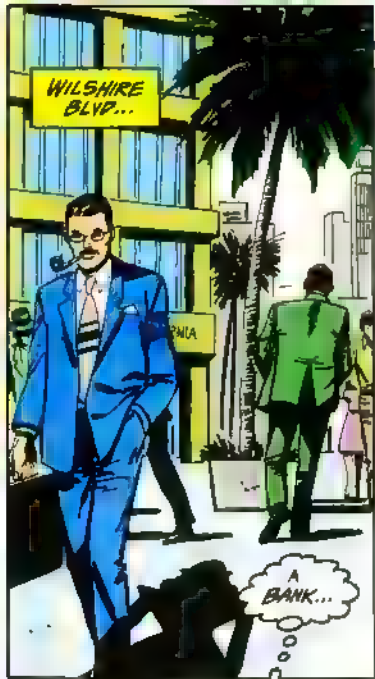
MORE  
COFFEE,  
JEFF ?

NO, THANK YOU, SAPPHIRE.  
BREAKFAST WAS DELICIOUS,  
THOUGH...

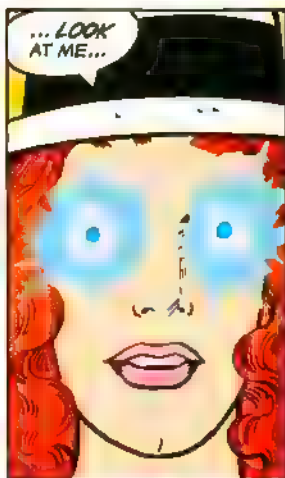








\* SEE BATO # 25. -- MHB



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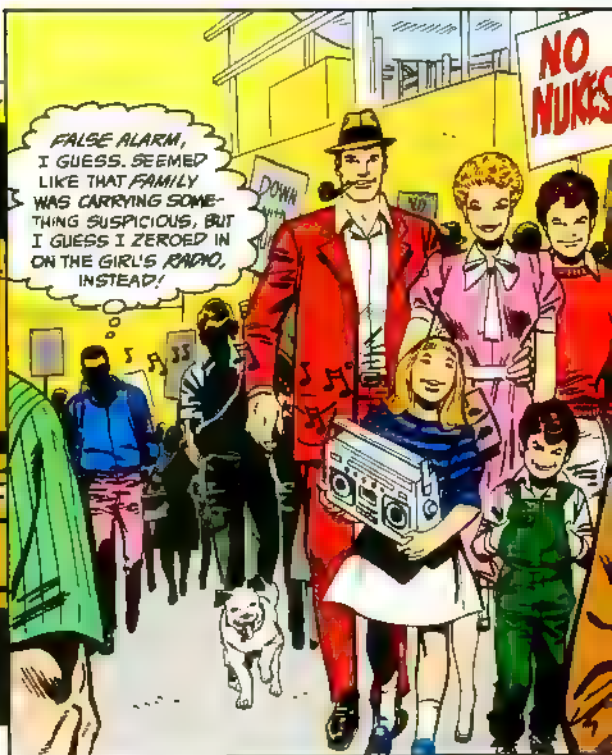
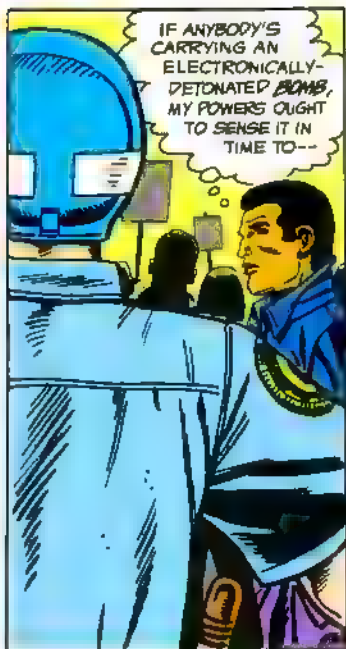
SUNDAY...

...AND, AS PREDICTED,  
THE SCHEDULED OPENING  
OF THE ESPERANZA CANYON  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT HAS  
ATTRACTED A SWARM OF  
BOTH CURIOUS CITIZENS...

...AND PROTESTERS,  
PICKETING THE PLANT  
OPENING!

I FEEL LIKE SOME  
KINDA SPY, LOOKING  
FOR ANYONE  
SUSPICIOUS AMONG  
THESE PICKETERS,  
BUT I GUESS IT'S  
NECESSARY!







AND ON A LONELY  
ROAD, SOME MILES  
AWAY...

"FEAR, THE FIRST  
EMOTION BY PROF.  
ANDREA WYE;  
CHAPTER ONE..."

"...SINCE FIRST ENTERING THE  
FIELD OF MOTIVATIONAL  
PSYCHOLOGY, I HAVE ALWAYS  
BEEN FASCINATED BY FEAR,  
AND ITS INFLUENCE ON  
THE HUMAN RACE.

"...AND WHAT IS TO FOLLOW IS A  
LARGE - SCALE ATTEMPT TO SEE  
HOW A MAJOR CITY COPEs WITH  
THE FEAR OF NUCLEAR  
ANNIHILATION--"

WHAT'S  
THE  
CODE?

OPERATION  
YELLOW  
STREAK.

"BECAUSE OF FEAR,  
MEN WILL BETRAY  
THEIR COUNTRIES,  
THEIR LOVED ONES,  
EVEN  
THEMSELVES..."

BZZT

PROCEED.

WE'VE NULLIFIED  
THE SECURITY GUARDS  
AND ARE READY TO  
GO INSIDE.

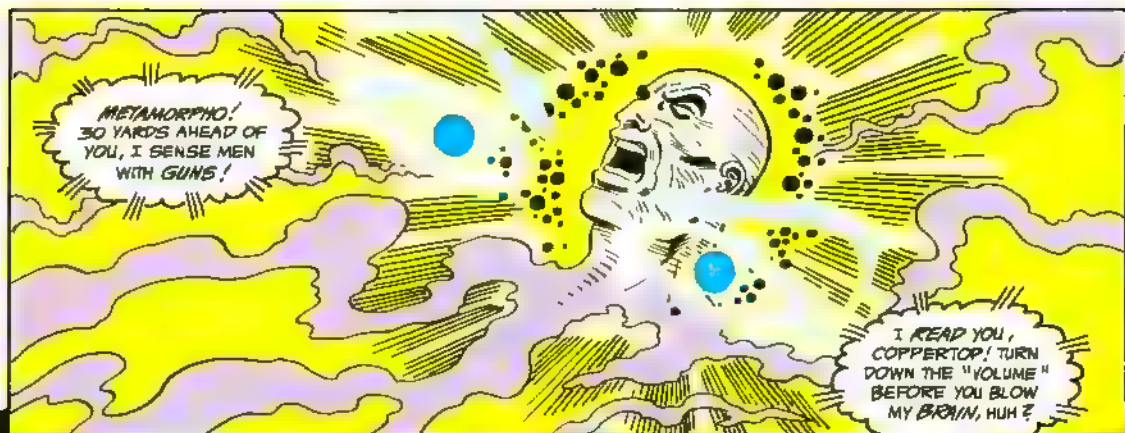
THEN SPLIT UP AND  
GO--BUT REMEMBER,  
NO KILLING!

WE ARE  
SUPPOSED TO  
BE SEARCHING,  
LOOKER!

YOU SEARCH YOUR  
WAY, KATANA, AND  
I'LL SEARCH--

SOMEONE'S  
COMING!





METAMORPHO!  
30 YARDS AHEAD OF  
YOU, I SENSE MEN  
WITH GUNS!

I READ YOU,  
COPPERTOP! TURN  
DOWN THE "VOLUME"  
BEFORE YOU BLOW  
MY BRAIN, HUH?



THERE THEY ARE!  
KNOCKIN' 'EM OUT  
AS A GAS WOULD  
MEAN WE COULDN'T  
QUESTION 'EM,  
SO...



...A PRETTY  
STICKY PROBLEM,  
BUT I CAN HANDLE IT!

LOOK..!

PHUT  
PHUT



YOUR GUNS DIDN'T  
DO ANY GOOD, BOYS--  
AND NEITHER WILL  
THE BRUCE LEE  
STUFF!

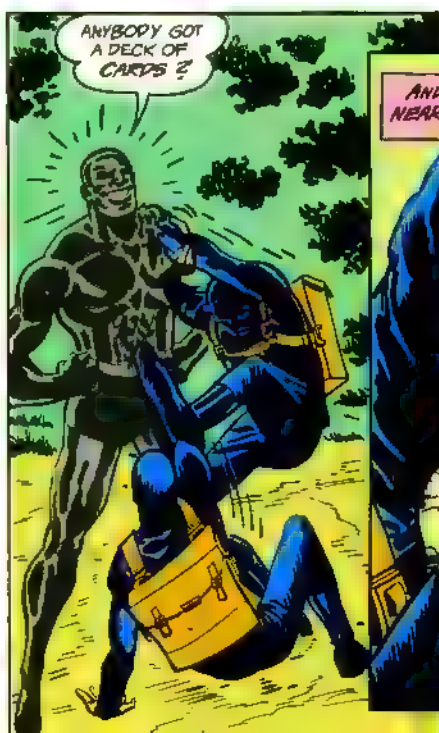


MY  
HAND--!

CAN'T SAY I  
DIDN'T WARN  
YOU...!

SAOFT

PLOP



ANYBODY GOT  
A DECK OF  
CARDS?

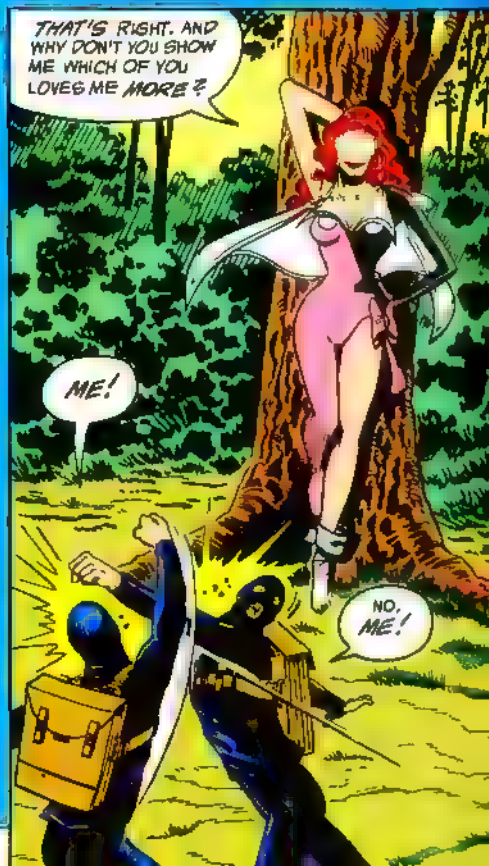
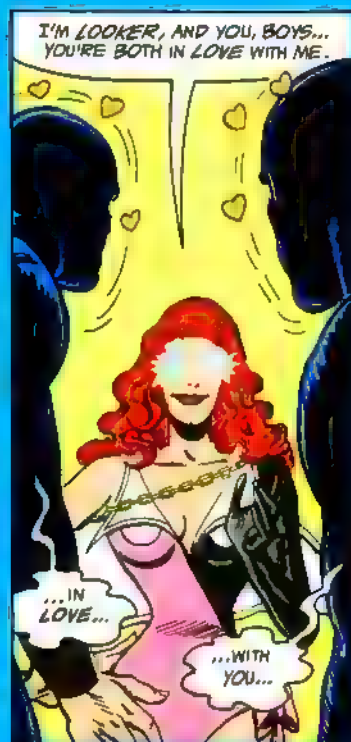
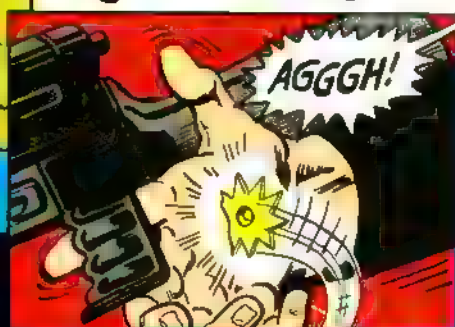
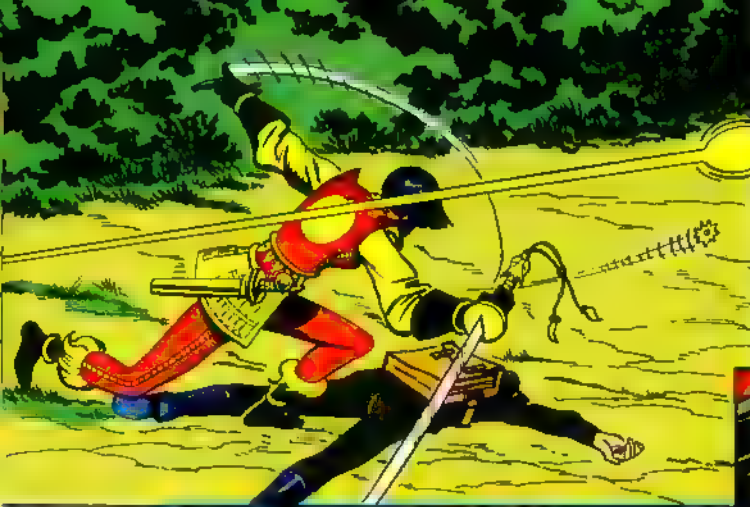


AND  
NEARBY...

QUIET, LARRY,  
I THOUGHT I  
HEARD SHOTS!

GUHHH..







MY MEN SHOULD  
HAVE REPORTED  
THEIR ENTRY  
BY NOW...

YELLOW STREAK, DO  
YOU READ? REPORT  
PROGRESS, REPEAT..

NO ANSWER--  
SOMETHING'S  
GONE WRONG.

YEAH, MINE  
TOLD ME  
EVERYTHING  
THEY KNOW--  
BUT THAT AIN'T  
MUCH.

AND MINE ARE IN NO  
SHAPE TO TALK!

STILL, WE  
HAVE DONE  
WELL...

"... OUR MISSION IS  
THROUGH, "

ARE WE  
THERE  
YET, DAD?

I KNEW I  
SHOULD HAVE  
HANDLED THE  
MAP!

NOT MUCH  
FARTHER  
NOW...

OH, HONEY,  
I KNEW YOU'D  
FIND IT!

THAT'S  
MY DAD!

YIP!

SHHHH!

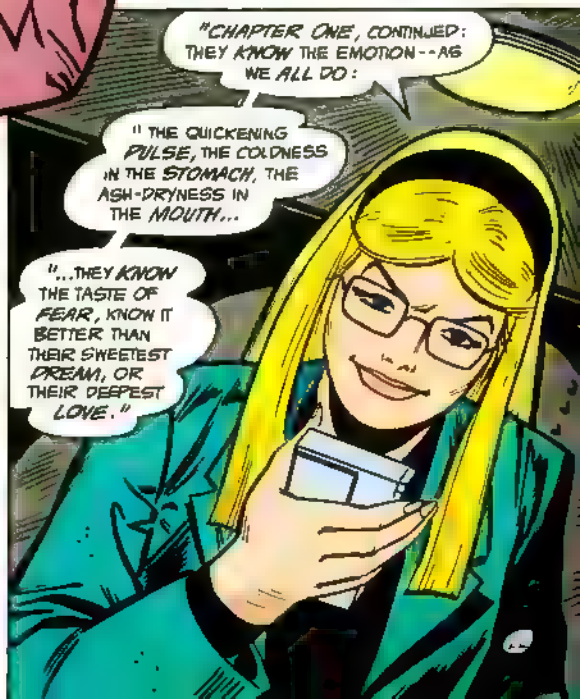
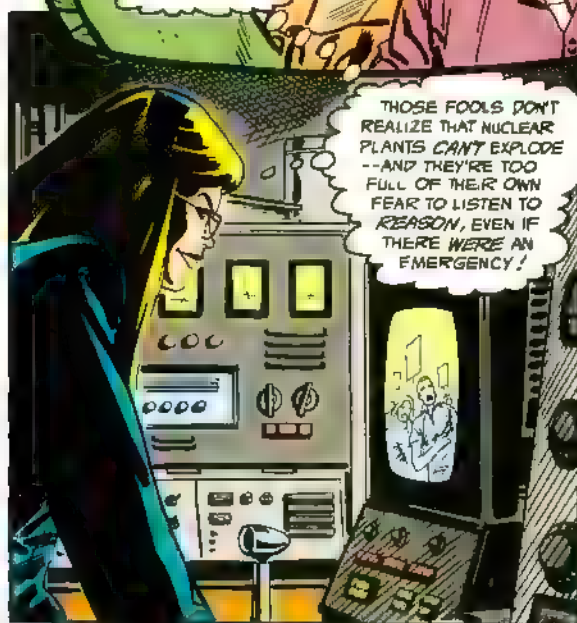
AND INSIDE  
THE PLANT...

...AND THIS IS OUR  
CONTROL ROOM, THE  
"BRAIN," IF YOU WILL,  
OF OUR LITTLE PLANT...

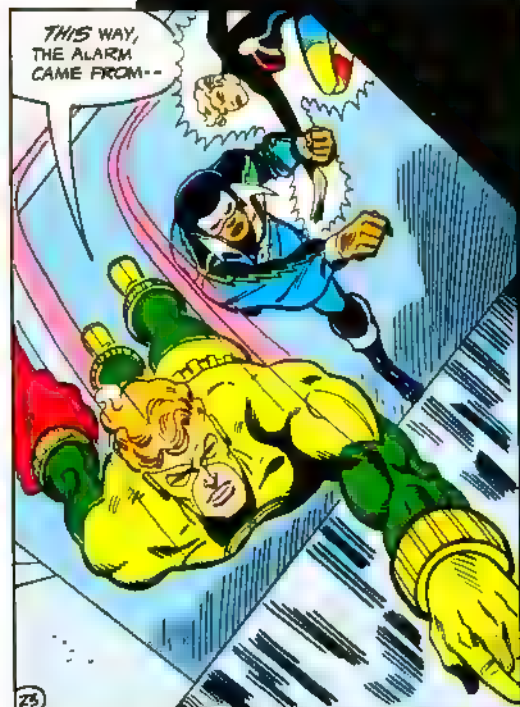
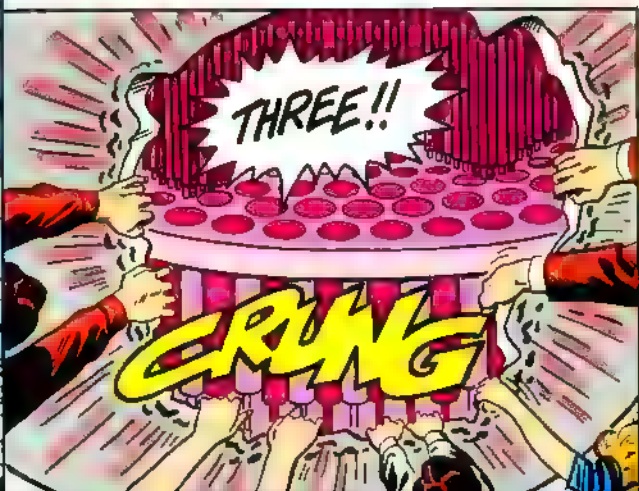
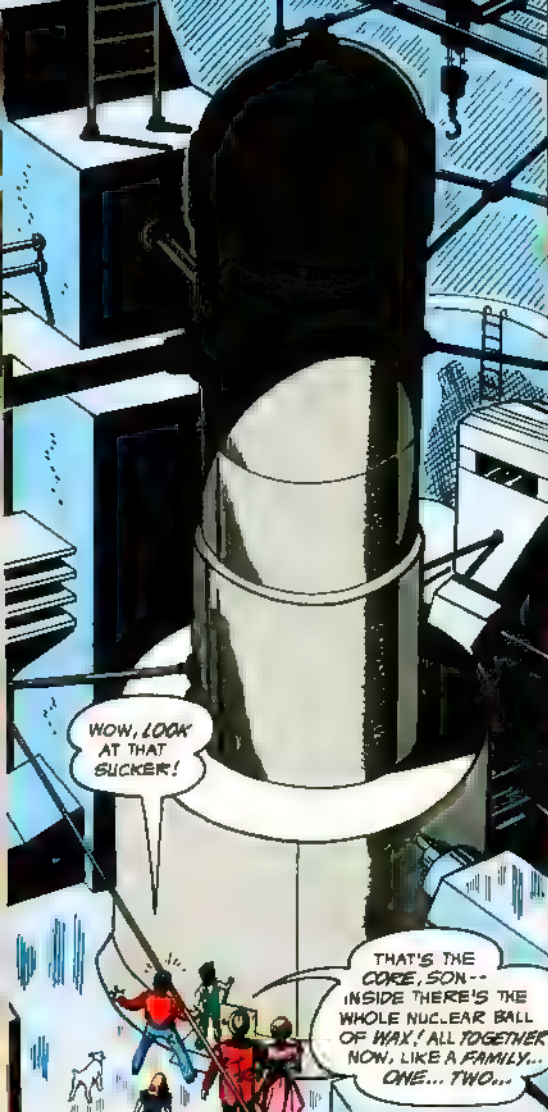




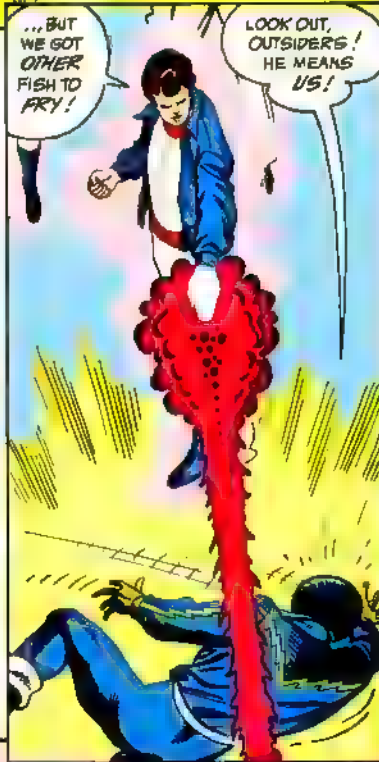
















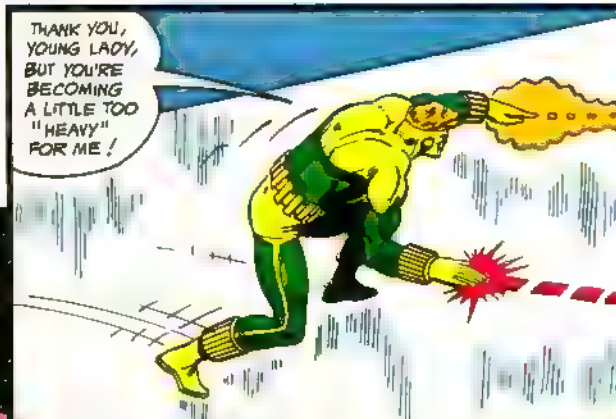
DON'T LET  
THAT STUFF TOUCH  
YOU, HALO!

I KNOW THAT,  
LIGHTNING--WHAT  
DO YOU THINK I AM,  
SOME KIND OF  
KID?

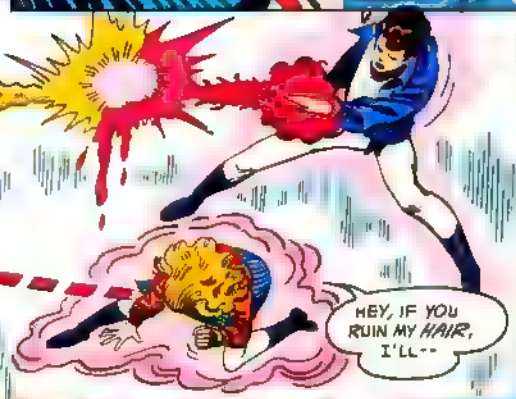


LIKE, WHY DO  
WE HAVE TO BLAST  
THIS GUY, BIFF?  
HE'S, LIKE, REALLY  
A HUNK...

SIS, JUST  
SHUT UP AND  
DO IT, HUH?



THANK YOU,  
YOUNG LADY,  
BUT YOU'RE  
BECOMING  
A LITTLE TOO  
"HEAVY"  
FOR ME!



HEY, IF YOU  
RUIN MY HAIR,  
I'LL--



STAND STILL,  
FELLA--LET'S  
HAVE A CUP OF  
COFFEE!

AND I'LL  
BAKE SOME  
FRESH  
COOKIES!

I'LL PASS  
ON THE  
FOOD...



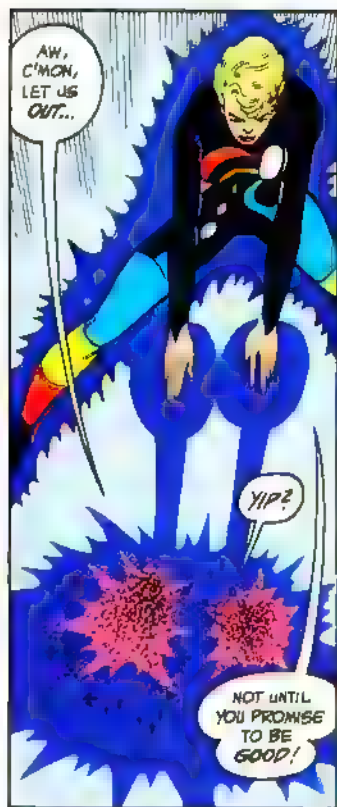
...BUT I WILL  
HELP MYSELF  
TO SOME OF  
YOUR POWER...



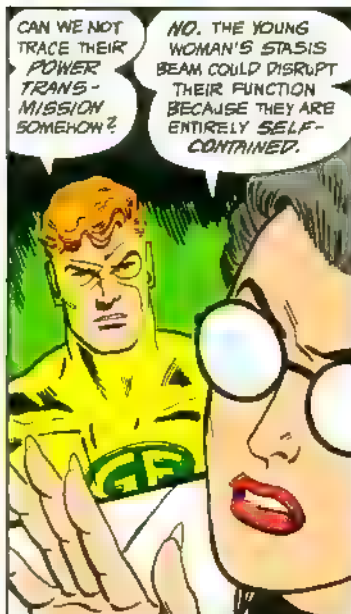
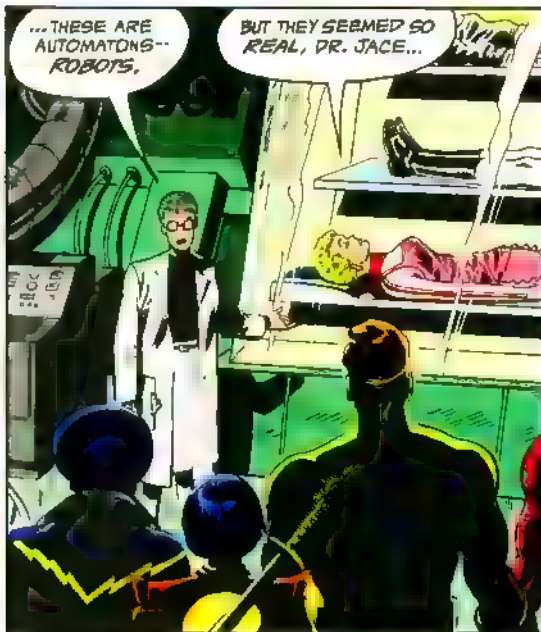
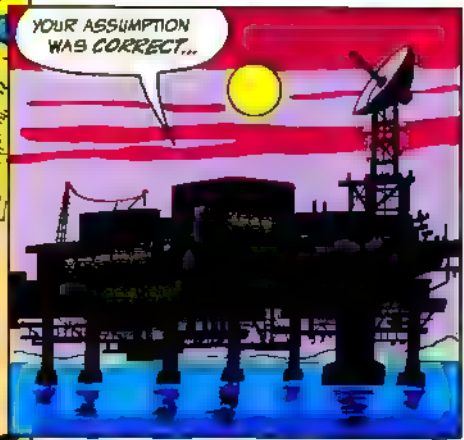
...AN RETURN IT  
WITH INTEREST!

HONEY!

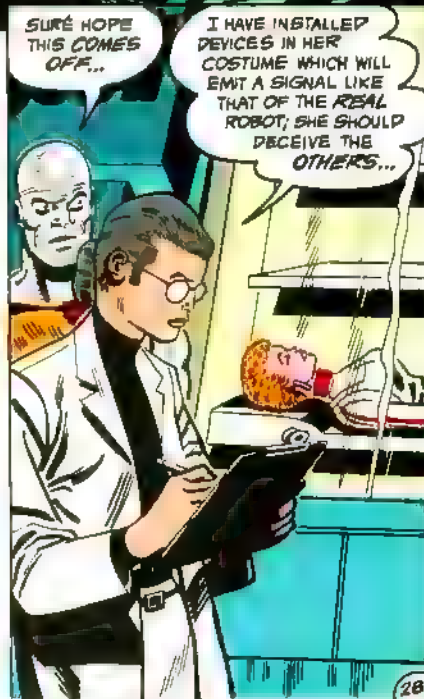
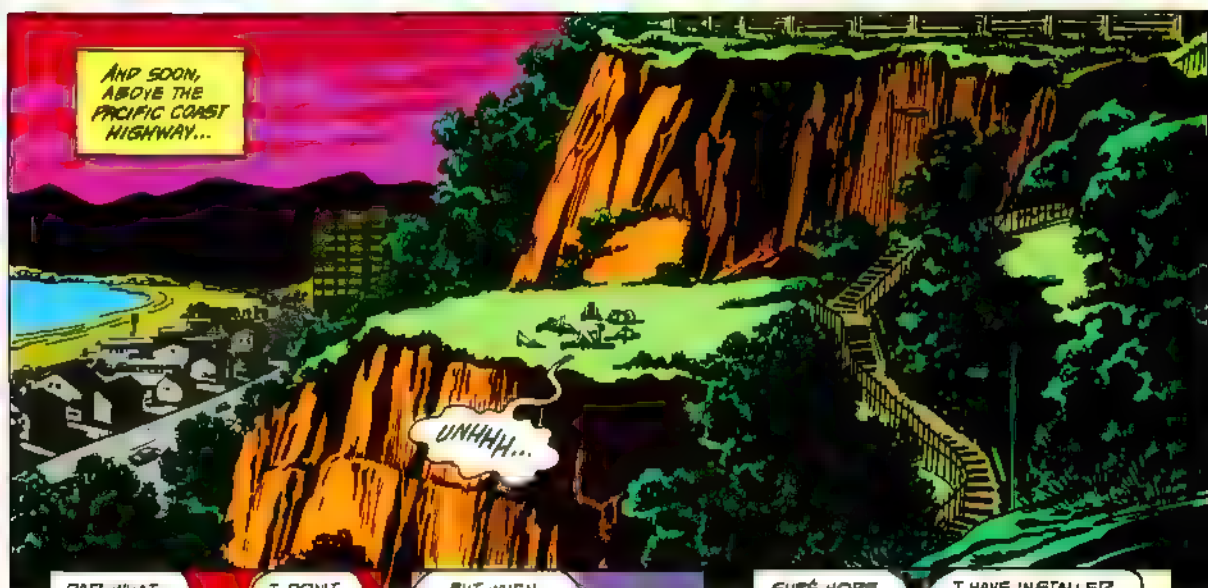
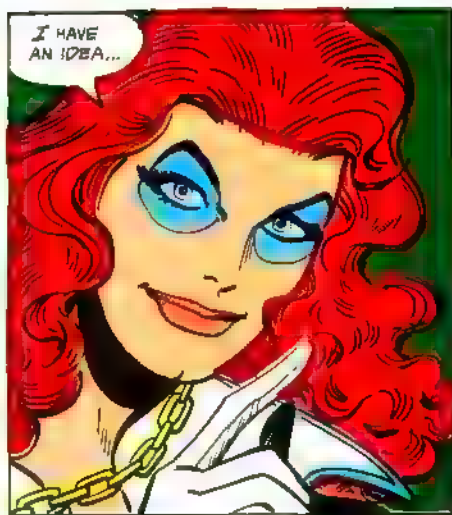
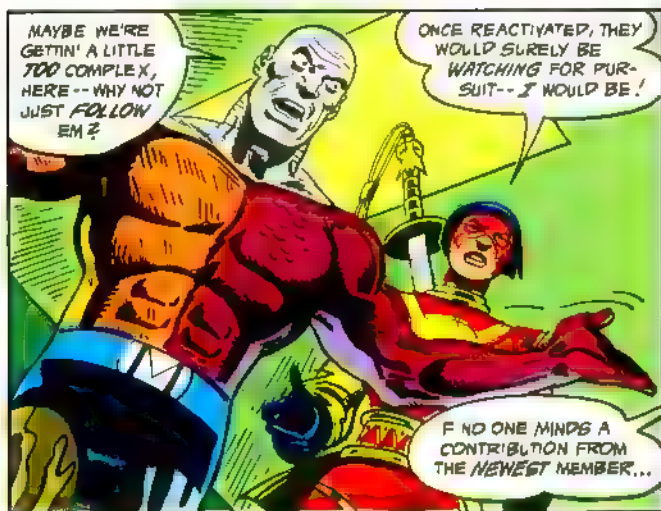




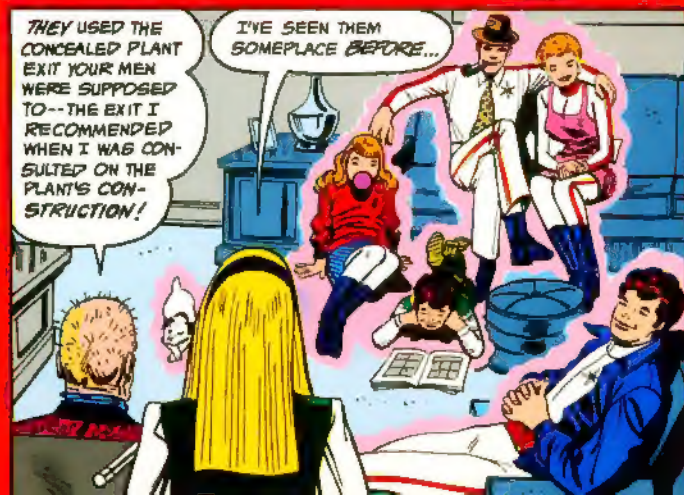
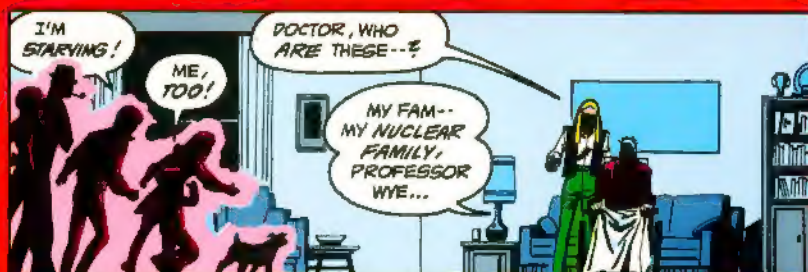
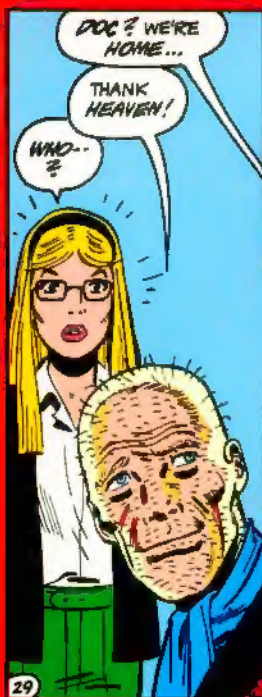
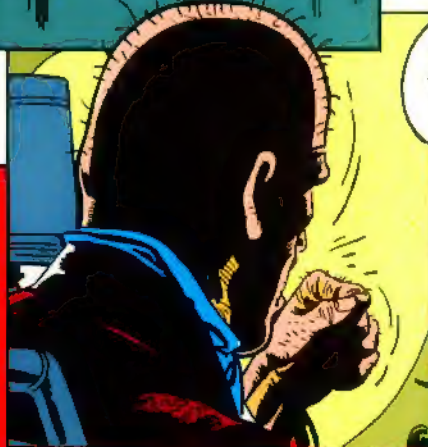
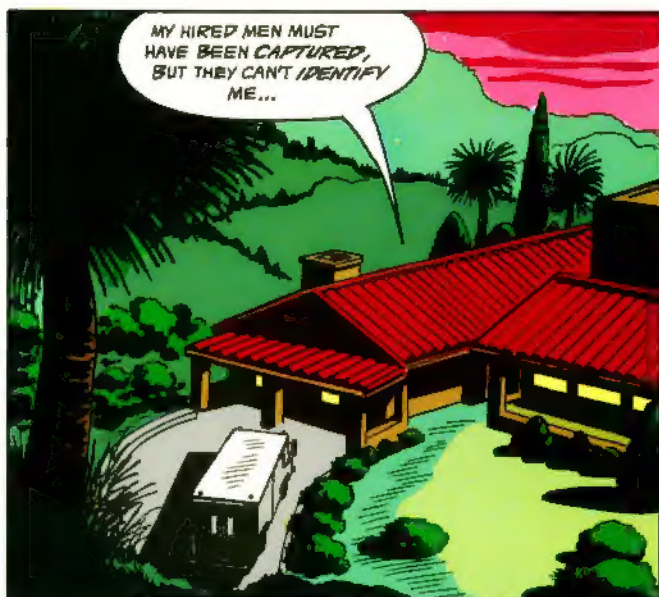
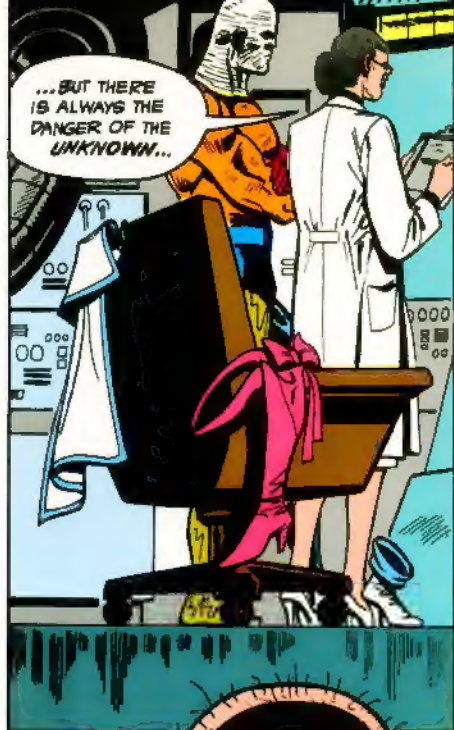








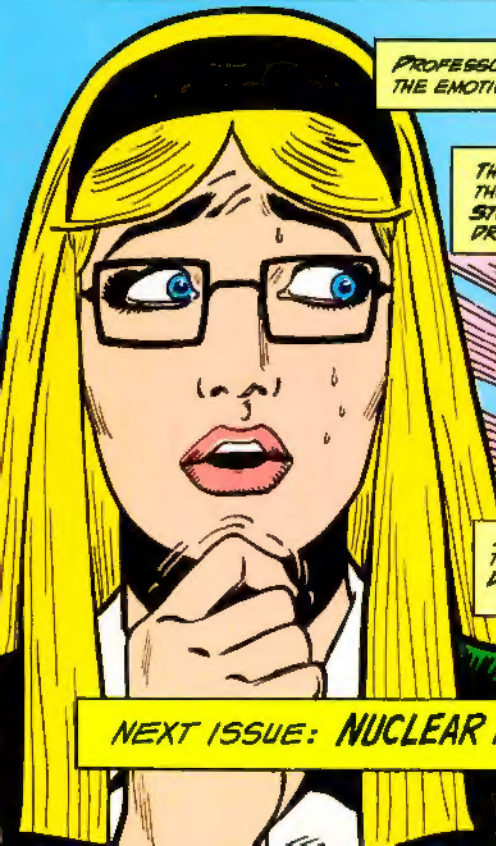
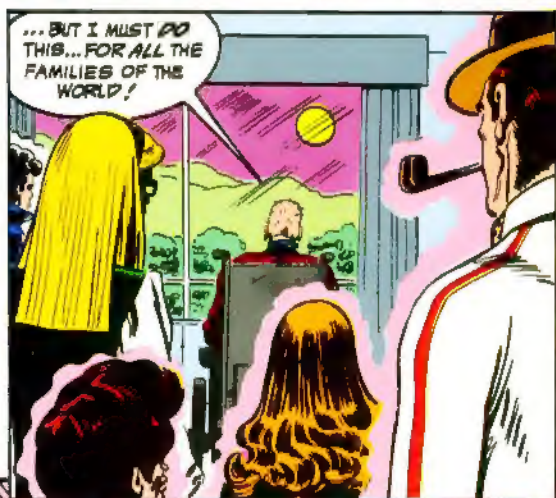
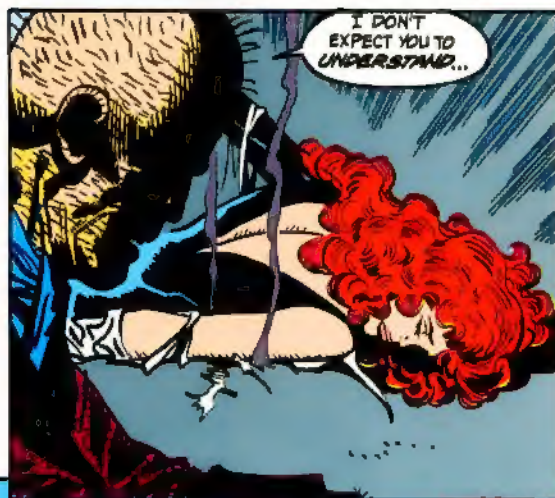
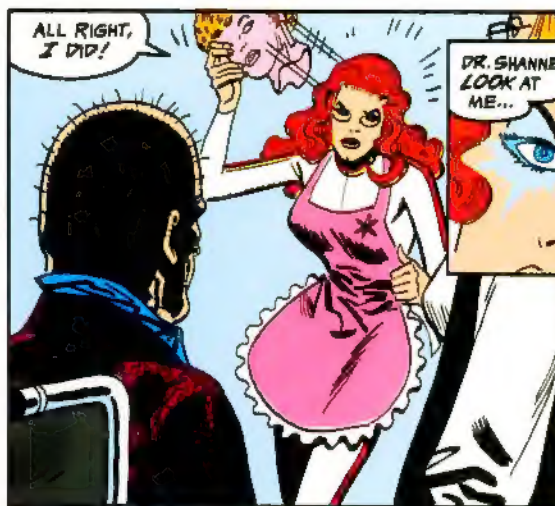








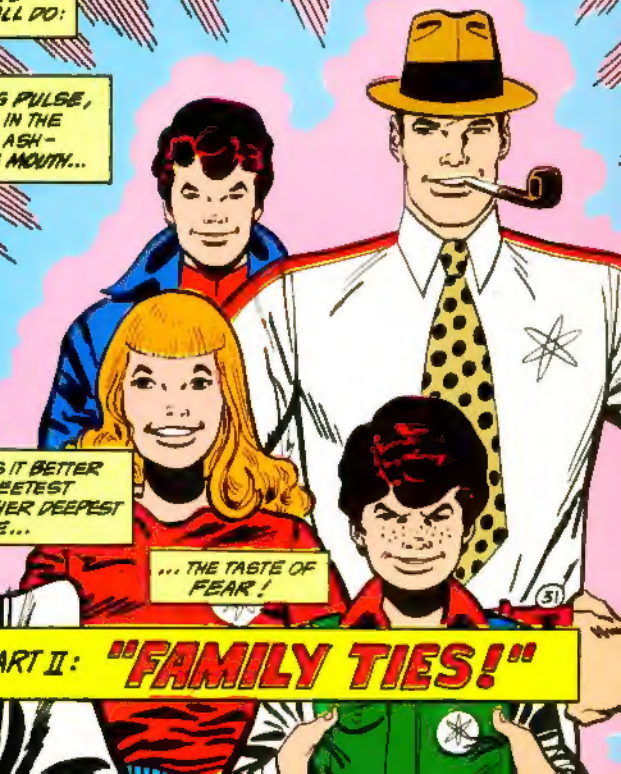




THE QUICKENING PULSE, THE COLDNESS IN THE STOMACH, THE ASH-DRYNESS IN THE MOUTH...

... SHE KNOWS IT BETTER THAN HER SWEETEST DREAM, OR HER DEEPEST LOVE...

... THE TASTE OF FEAR!



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